covered under the Building and Other Construction Workers (RECS) Act, 1996.

Functioning of EPFO

763. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called a meeting to discuss the functioning of the EPFO (Employees Provident Fund Organisation);

(b) if so, the objectives of the proposed meeting to discuss functioning of the EPFO;

(c) whether it is a fact that trade unions have expressed their unhappiness at the lack of constructive activities from the EPFO;

(d) the details of the representations of diverse trade unions on the EPFO; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to resolve all such disputes and criticism against the EPFO?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to Ministry of Labour and Employment is scheduled to discuss the working of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation on 14th Dec, 2004.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, the All India Trade Union Congress have expressed their unhappiness about the working of the EPFO; and

(e) the CBT, EPF and the Government regularly monitor and review the performance of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation to ensure better service standards.

Unemployment in the country

764. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the unemployment of the educated in the country;